



WHO ARE THE EAGLE YOUNG MARINES?

The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League is the Commandant of the Marine Corps official program for drug demand reduction. Membership is open to boys and girls between the ages of eight through the completion of high school who are interested in participating in a well-rounded, year-round program with emphasis on the traditions and values of the United States Marine Corps.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Young Marines is to provide an organized program devoted to development of character and physical fitness in the youth of America, as exemplified by the United States Marine Corps. Character building is one of the most important objectives of the program and all of the activities emphasize the importance of honesty, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability and a sense of devotion to God, Country, Community and Family. The Young Marines offer classes on a variety of subjects including: Land Navigation, close order drill, mountain survival, customs and courtesy, clothing care, physical fitness and sexual harassment awareness and proper protocol, just to name a few. Weekend encampments and a weeklong encampment during the summer are conducted.

BECOMING A YOUNG MARINE

Recruit Training will be conducted during a 7-week period and graduating week 8.

YOUNG MARINE RECRUIT CLASS 1-2010

		DROP OFF TIME/DATE	PICK UP TIME/DATE
1		0800, 6 Feb 2010	1300, 6 Feb
2		0800, 13 Feb 2010	1300, 13 Feb
3,4	1 Overnight	1900, 19 Feb 2010	1200, 20 Feb
5,6	1 Overnight	1900, 26 Feb 2010	1600, 27 Feb
7,8, 9	2 Overnight	1900, 5 Mar 2010	1200, 7 Mar
10, 11	1 Overnight	1900, 12 Mar 2010	1200, 13 Mar
12	1 Overnight	1900, 19 Mar 2010	1200, 20 Mar
13	Graduation	0800, 27 Mar 2010	1200, 27 Mar

This newsletter is intended to answer most of your questions. Please save it!! **Applications and a nonrefundable deposit (explained later in this letter) will be accepted through 6 Feb 2010 at the Eagle Young Marine building.** Your decision to enroll your youth in the

Young Marines means an exciting new adventure for your family. We look forward to working with your child in the coming months, and encourage you to volunteer whenever you can. Volunteers operate this program. Please bear this in mind, particularly when things do not sail as smoothly as you think they should. In order to become a registered volunteer a detailed back ground check with local, county, State, Federal and National authorities is conducted on all adults.

Staff members are addressed as "Mr." and "Mrs., Miss or Ms" and there last name. The Young Marines will be required to use these titles at all times. The use of **Ma'am** and **Sir** is also required if the name of an adult is not known.

RECRUIT TRAINING

Recruit training will consist of:

Military Terms

The Pledge of Allegiance

Drug Education for Youth

Close Order Drill

Marine Corps and YM history

Physical Fitness

Rank Structure

Clothing Care

Courtesy

Personal Hygiene.

It is important for your YM to attend every training session in order to graduate with the platoon. Each YM is expected to study selected sections of the guidebook. Please help your YM! While we are on the subject of study, each YM can earn awards for scholastic achievement in school. Further, as the YM progresses through the ranks, there are minimum grade point average (GPA) requirements for promotion. We stress the importance of education, and the importance of being a good representative of this program (and, of course, your family). Please keep us informed of your child's progress in school- it's part of the "Whole Young Marine" concept.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

You are responsible to keep us advised of any medical condition that may affect your child's ability to train with us. Information on a child's medical condition is kept in strict confidence. If your child requires medication during drill periods, check in with a staff member to provide us with instructions. Occasionally, Young Marines with chronic medical conditions may be excluded from certain events. These decisions are made by the Commanding Officer with the welfare of the Young Marine foremost in the process.

MEETINGS

For this class recruits will meet each Saturday during recruit training with several overnight encampments. At **0800**, their platoon is called to attention. If they are late, they will do pushups. We call it "being at the appointed place of duty at the appointed time." Please help your YM fulfill their responsibility by bringing them to meetings **on time**. Remember, if they are late, they will do pushups. If it is your fault, you may, at your discretion, join them.

It is your responsibility to pick your YM up on time. You agree to pay a fee of \$5.00 per minute, or any portion thereof, if your YM is not picked up within 5 minutes of securing time unless you have made prior arrangement with the Commanding Officer or Executive Officer in writing at least 24 hours prior to the Young Marine meeting that Saturday.

MONEY MATTERS

We are a nonprofit organization and do not get any "official" funding of any kind. We try to keep expenses to a minimum, but nothing, except advice, is free. During the year, we conduct fundraisers such as raffles, car washes and candy sales. Please remember that our mentors do not get paid for their services.

RECRUIT EXPENSES

The following is a breakdown of recruit expenses. There are items that your recruit will receive from our unit at no costs to you such as (cover, web belt with buckle, guidebook). All other items listed below will be charged.

Costs	Dollars. Cents
Annual Registration-Insurance	50.00
Name Tape	10.20
Young Marine Patches	15.80
Sewing	12.50
Camouflage Uniform	62.00
Dry Cleaning	7.00
Sweat PT Gear	70.00
Unit T-shirts (2)	16.50
Camel Back	35.00
Boot Bands	1.00
Encampment meals	58.00
Total	\$338.00

This represents the amount you must pay as a **“non-refundable” deposit**. Please note that we do accept checks, cash, cashier's check or money order. No credit cards are accepted. If your check does not clear there will be an \$25.00 non-sufficient check fee that you agree to pay by enrolling your child in this program. No future checks will be accepted for those with un cleared checks.

**Note: If you have any of these items for your recruit. If they are serviceable, and approved by the Commanding Officer, we will not issue them, and will deduct their cost from the total. (the price can be adjusted)*

There is a nonrefundable deposit required at enrollment to register the child.

If we have ordered Young Marine Sweats for your child, and your child is dis-enrolled, you may be liable for the cost of the sweats if we cannot sell them to another Young Marine. **You will not be issued these items, however**, because your child is not entitled to wear the Young Marine insignia until graduation from boot camp. After the nonrefundable deposit, the balance may be paid in installments during the course of recruit training. Unless prior arrangements have been approved by the staff, the balance must be paid in full no later than one month prior to graduation day. We understand that pay problems occur and will consider each situation on a case-by-case basis. Boots are your responsibility. We have a small selection of new boots available for \$20 and an even smaller selection of used boots for \$10. Boots are available at Cash Sales and at many "surplus" stores in the local community. **Apollo's** is one of the stores located on Pacific Coast Highway and **404 Mission Ave**, in Oceanside.

CHOW

Because of the length of this boot camp, recruits are required to bring a Healthy Sack lunch and a bottle of water with their name on it.

RECRUIT UNIFORMS

The recruit uniform is Blue jeans, belt, socks, sneakers and a green T-shirt with the recruit's last name neatly printed, in at least 2" letters, on the front and back.

ENCAMPMENT

During recruit training, there will be overnight encampments. During these encampments, the recruit will receive numerous classes, conduct practical application of different subjects and eat in the field. The recruits will also stand "fire watch" once or twice during the evening, typically for a one-hour shift.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

The San Diego Bulldog Detachment of the Marine Corps League is our official sponsor and frequently donates to our fundraisers. If you are not a member of the Marine Corps League, consider becoming one. The next time you run into a Marine Corps Leaguer, thank them for supporting our Young Marine program.

REGISTRATION PACKAGE & PARENT/RECRUIT ORIENTATION

The registration package is not attached to this letter but will be filled out at the parents meeting. Please read everything it contains, and please write legibly. If any of the emergency data changes while your child is enrolled in the program (i.e. phone numbers or addresses), it is your responsibility to let us know so we can make the required changes. **PLEASE BRING YOUR SON's or DAUGHTER's SSN (Social Security Number) WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.** Please call to arrange a meeting for parent(s) and potential recruits. Call us at the Eagle Young Marine line: **760.213.5070** and we will be happy to set up a time for you and your family.

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